

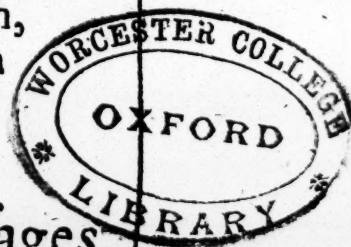
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Captain *Langston*, Mr. *Comes*, and  
Mr. *Wise*, at the Sessions-  
House in the *Old-Bayly*, on  
Wednesday the 15 of this  
instant *July*, 1663.

With the *Evidence* given in, to the  
Honourable Bench, touching Mr. *Davis*,  
that was Kil'd near *Pankridge Church*,  
and Sir. *William Coneyes* Coach-man  
in *Holborn*; and the Verdict of  
the Jury thereupon.

With some Remarkable Passages,  
touching Prophane Persons, and such as  
durst presume to Blaspheme the Great  
and Holy Name of the Lord Jesus.



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# The Tryall

*Of Captain Langston Mr. Comes,  
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ON Wednesday, being the 15<sup>th</sup> of this instant Month, the Sessions began at the Old Bayly, London, where Captain Langstone, and Mr. Comes, two Gentlemen of Singular Repute, and indeed of as Civil Deportment and Carriage, notwithstanding their unhappy Chance and Fortune, to have their great Worth Eclipsed for a season, until such time, that both Law and Justice, expelled those black Clouds. which since *Whitsontide* last, somewhat darkened their bright and splendid Rayes, on whom neither Time nor



Action, could ever before cast or reflect the least tincture of Dishonour or Reproach: But *Time*, which bringeth all things to passe, and in processe thereof evinceth the Truth, at last put a period to the great expectations of many people, and *Innocency* displayed her White Colours in open Court, before a just and Honourable Bench; for the Gentlemen before-cited, being Arraigned at the Bar of Justice, touching the death of *Thomas Bunce*, Coachman to the Honourable Sir *William Coney*, it was at last found by the Jury to be onely Man-slaughter, to the unspeakable joy of many persons and Gentlemen Quality, whose deserved worth could acquire no lesse; for they were ever reputed to abound with such Accomplishments, as became Gentlemen of so great Worth and Reputation; And happy had it been, if the said *Thomas Bunce* had not so indiscreetly pursued them from *Lincolns-Inne* fields into *Holborn*, where he received his last Breath; for the Gentlemen pursued, were then constrained to defend themselves, as appeared by the sequel of the business. And as touching *William Hall*, Coachman to the *Lady St. Johns*, he is again recovered of those wounds, which he received near *Mr. Hollands* house, on the Back-side of *Lincolns-Inne* fields. So that blessed be God, the loss is not so great as was expected.

And as to the business touching *Mr. Wise*, what pen is able to set forth his worth, his great Endowments, holding him forth praise-worthy, in all his Noble Actions; and although to some it seemed a thing of high concernment, in order to the Duel near *Pankridge Church*, yet at last it appeared obvious

vious, that, there was never in the least any Enmity or difference between the said Mr. *Wise*, and Mr. *Davies* that was found dead in the Fields; and the Evidence in open Court, in Presence of the Honourable Bench, could affirm no otherwise, but that they saw two Men with their Doublets off, being about two Fields distance; and at last, one falling, the other retired from him; which they perceiving, immediately pursued, but lost sight of him; and after a little while, the Country-men said, they met with Mr. *Wise*; but they could not Swear that he was the man that killed the other Gentleman; So that after a Fair and Legal Tryal, and the Evidence heard on both sides, the Jury went forth, and after some Consultation upon the Evidence Given, and the several Circumstances relating thereunto, they Returned, and gave in their Verdict, Not Guilty. Some others there were also Tryed, which we shall here wave; By reason it is somewhat material, to insist upon a timely Caution, to all such who too much delight in Swearing and Prophanesse; And here I might give you many Instances; but that which the Reverend Bishop *Ridley*, in a Sermon at St Pauls Cross related, is very pertinent and remarkable, the story being of a young Gentleman in *Cornhill*, in the dayes of King *Edward the 6th* who riding in the Company of other Gentlemen began to swear and Swagger; and being reprov'd for it, he swore the more, and rag'd worse: To whom one Mr. *Haines*, a Minister, with Gentle words said, *That he should one day give an account thereof*: Whereat the Gentleman being, in a fume, bad him take no thought for

for him, but to prepare for his own Winding-Sheet. Well, said the other; *Amend, for Death gives no Warning.*

With that he again swore bitterly, bidding him not care for him, still raging worse and worse, till coming to a Bridge, (which passed over a great River) the young Gallant so spurred and switched his horse, that he leaped over with him into the water,; Who as he was going, cryed, *Horse, and Man, and all to the Devil.* See the Just Judgements of God upon Swearers, and Blasphemers; and I wish it may be as an Example to all persons in general, in these dayes: For, indeed, Swearing, and Cursing, are two such God-provoking, and Heaven out-facing sins, that the Lord doth not onely reserve Wrath for these his Enemies in the World to come; but many times also even in this World, he takes some of the eminentest of these sinners, and (as it were) hangs them up in Gibbets, to be Monuments of his heavy Wrath and Indignation; for the Terror of others, that they may hear and fear, and do no more so wickedly.

Indeed; great are the Judgements depending upon all such wicked and blasphemous Creatures; and to the end, that I may deter others, from the late abominable Practises of some in and about *London*, of blaspheming the Name of the Lord Jesus. I shall here lay down two or three remarkable Passages, which the Lord was pleased to shew, as a Judgement upon others; to wit,

*Michael*, a Jewish Rabbin, as he was Swearing and Blaspheming the Name of Jesus, fell down, and brake his neck, *Socrat. Eccl. Hist.*



One who for 12 or 16 years together, used to Swear *by Gods Arms* : In the end his own Arm being hurt with a knife, could not be healed by any means, but wranckled, and festered from day to day, and at last so rotted, that it fell away piece-meal, and himself through pain and anguish thereof, dyed, *Phil. stubs.*

It is related also of a Swearing Spark at *Mansfield*, who in the midst of his blasphemous Oathes, was taken up, and carried away by the Devil.

O that this might be a Warning to all Persons, whatsoever in these dayes ; and that they would seriously consider, the Judgements that God hath been pleased to pour down from Heaven, upon such as durst presume to blaspheme his holy Name, and that in such a manner ; and even upon such an Instrument, that was most prone and necessary, to the sin committed ; As for example, At *Tubing* in *Germany*, a desperate Wretch used to invent such new Oaths, as were not common ; but the Lord sent Canker, or some worse Disease, that did eat out his Tongue, the Instrument indeed wherewith he blasphemed, *Germ. Hist.*

And notwithstanding the great means used by the Ministers daily to prevent this horrid sin of Swearing, yet it is made too Publick a Practise with many : Notwithstanding the many Decrees against it formerly ; For in the dayes of *Henry* the first, King of *England*, he appointed the payment of 40 s. 20 s. and 10 s. & 3 s. 4 d. according to the degree of the Swearer, to be given to the Poor ; An *Excellent work, and worthy of daily practise, to*

THE END.